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MINUTES

THE Committee of the International Missionary Council met from July 17th to 26th, 1926. At the invitation of the Swedish Missionary Council the meeting was held at the Home of Rest of the Swedish Missionary Society at Rättvik in Sweden.

The first session was on Saturday July 17th, 1926, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1. **Opening of the Meeting.** The Chairman of the Committee, Dr John R. Mott, after the singing of a hymn, called upon Dr Forgan to lead the Committee in prayer.

2. **Message of Welcome.** Mr Sven Bengtsson, Chairman of the Swedish Missionary Society, in a speech translated by the Rev. Paul Sandegren, expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Committee to the Mission Rest Home at Rättvik. Dr Mott expressed the gratitude of the Committee for the welcome given.

3. **Members Present:** Dr John R. Mott (Chairman); Dr C. W. Th. Baron van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam; the Rev. R. Forgan, D.D.; the Rev. J. H. Franklin, D.D.; Mr F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.; the Rev. Jakob E. Lundahl; Mr Kenneth Maclennan; the Bishop of Salisbury; Missionsdirektor Dr Martin Schlunk; Mr Fennell P. Turner; the Secretaries, Mr J. H. Oldham, Dr A. L. Warnshuis and Miss B. D. Gibson, Assistant Secretary. The Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D., was delayed, but took his seat at the third session.

M. le pasteur Daniel Couve, Mrs Thomas Nicholson, the Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., LL.D., the Hon. Newton W. Rowell, LL.D., K.C., the Rev. G. F. Saywell, Dr Robert E. Speer and Mr James M. Speers (Treasurer) were unable to be present and sent their apologies for absence. The Committee voted to elect Mr Fletcher S. Brockman, Miss Sarah S. Lyon and the Rev. C. H. Patton, D.D., to fill the places of Mr Rowell, Mrs Nicholson and Dr Speer, and the Rev. W. Wilson Cash, D.S.O., to fill the place of Mr Saywell. Miss Lyon was delayed, but took her seat at the beginning of the sixth session.

Professor Erasmo Braga (Brazil), Mr S. C. Leung (China), the Rev. W. Paton (Secretary of the National Christian Council of India), Mr Max Yergan (South Africa) and Bishop Kogoro Uzaki

(Japan) were invited to attend the Committee as consultative members, in accordance with the resolution of the Committee at its meeting in Atlantic City (Minute 30 (9)). Mr Leung was delayed, but took his seat at the ninth session.

As Bishop Uzaki, having been called into council by the Japanese Government with regard to a proposed Bill on Religions, was unable to be present, the Rev. William Axling, D.D., a secretary of the National Christian Council of Japan, attended in his place, taking his seat during the fifth session.

Miss G. A. Gollock and Miss M. M. Underhill and Mr C. H. Fahs, because of their relations to the *International Review of Missions* and to the research work of the Council, were invited to attend this meeting as visitors.

4. **Finance Committee.** The following were appointed a Finance Committee to serve during this meeting: Dr Patton (Chairman), Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Forgan, Dr Franklin, Mr Hawkins, Mr Maclennan and Mr Turner.

The accounts of the International Missionary Council and of the *International Review of Missions* were presented and referred to this committee.

5. **Committee on the International Review of Missions.** The following were appointed a committee to consider the affairs of the *International Review of Missions*: Mr Paton (Chairman), the Bishop of Salisbury, Miss Lyon, Mr Cash, Dr Chamberlain, Mr Brockman, Mr Hawkins, Mr Leung, Mr Lundahl, Dr Schlunk, and *ex officio*, Miss Gollock and Miss Underhill.

A report regarding the *International Review of Missions* was presented and referred to this committee.

6. **Committee on Memorial Minutes.** The Chairman called attention to the fact that several former members of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference, 1910, and of the International Missionary Council, had recently died. The following were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial minute: Dr Chamberlain (Chairman), Dr Forgan and Dr Schlunk.

7. **Programme.** The Chairman on behalf of the officers made a statement regarding a programme for the work of the Committee.

Second Session, July 18th, 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

On Sunday morning a meeting for intercession was held from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., led by Mr Hawkins.

In the afternoon, addresses by members of the Committee were made to the congregations in four churches in Rättvik and vicinity.

Third Session, July 18th, 8–9.30 p.m.

On Sunday evening Dr Mott gave the Committee an extended report of his recently completed journey round the Pacific Basin, in which he represented the Council as its Chairman and participated in representative conferences in Japan, Korea, China, the Philippine Islands, Malaya, Netherlands India, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

Fourth Session, Monday, July 19th, 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

The session was opened by a devotional period led by Dr Franklin.

8. **Greetings.** The following telegram was received from Einar Billing, the Bishop of the Diocese of Västerås :

Laetus vos dioecesis arosiensis et nobilissimate regionis circa lacum Siljan nunc hospites salvere jubeo deumque precor ut gravissimis consiliis prosperos successus tribuat.

The Committee replied :

Delegati in concilium de fide in universo mundo propaganda adhibiti Episcopo huius dioecesis reverendissimo gratias agunt quam maximas. Benedictus benedicat tibi in multos annos.

9. **The Work of the Officers.** Mr Oldham made a statement submitting the following nine points as matters which had been engaging his attention and which might form part of the programme of the International Missionary Council during the next few years :

(*a*) The Advisory Committee on Native Education in Tropical Africa.
(*b*) The International Institute of African Languages and Cultures.
(*c*) Research, as a means to a clearer understanding of racial questions.
(*d*) Visits to Africa.
(*e*) Action in connexion with land and labour problems in Africa, especially in Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.
(*f*) The proposed British Advisory Council for Christian Education Overseas.
(*g*) Religious Education, in pursuance of the plan initiated at the Oxford meeting of the Council.
(*h*) The Presentation of the Christian Message in relation to non-Christian faiths.
(*i*) The *International Review of Missions.*

The statement was followed by a period of questions, discussion and fuller explanation.

Fifth Session, Monday, July 19th, 4–6 p.m.

This session was opened with a hymn and prayer.

10. **The Work of the Officers** (*continued*). Dr Warnshuis made a statement on his work since the last meeting of the Committee in connexion with certain enquiries which had been instituted at the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Oxford (1923), and certain other urgent questions which had arisen since that time, i.e.:

(*a*) Union Institutions. A study of the organization and administration of Union Institutions in different countries had been made by Professor Ralph D. Wellons, formerly Vice-Principal of Lucknow College, who had done this work under the direction of the faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University, and with the advice of a special committee appointed by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The question of the publication of this report, in whole or in part, and the use to be made of it was referred to the officers and the advisory committee.

(*b*) The Place of Women in the Church on the Mission Field. Statements had been drawn up by groups in America, Germany and Great Britain. The matter of the use to be made of these statements was postponed for discussion at a later session. (See Minute 23.)

(*c*) Student Migrations. Some time had been devoted to the formation of a committee in New York, representative of the mission boards, and to other activities for the welfare of Chinese students. A similar committee is already in existence in Great Britain. The Committee agreed that this matter could best be dealt with by the national bodies. (Cf. Atlantic City Minutes 12, 23.)

(*d*) Training Schools on the Mission Field. The results of this enquiry were presented in a written report. The question of what use should be made of this report was reserved for fuller discussion later. (See Minute 22.)

(*e*) Indigenous Churches. With reference to the action of this Committee at its previous meeting, it was reported that the Missionary Research Library in New York was making an exhaustive collection of material on this subject. In later sessions reference to this material was made repeatedly and great appreciation of this collection was generally expressed. Further discussion of the subject was postponed. (See Minutes 36*g* and 48.)

(*f*) Christian Literature. Continuous work had been done in co-operation with the different national bodies, to whom this subject was referred by the Oxford meeting of the Council. In view of the progress which had

been made it was agreed that the question of the method of procedure should be discussed at a later session. (See Minute 36*f*.)

(*g*) Missions to Jews. During Dr Mott's absence in the Far East, Dr Warnshuis had acted for him with reference to the arrangements for the Conference on the Presentation of the Christian Message to the Jews. (See Minute 32.)

(*h*) The Opium Traffic. A brief statement was made concerning the developments since the last meeting of the Committee and the work that had been done in this connexion. (See Minute 36*m*.)

(*i*) The Situation in China. Because of the critical situation in China much time had been given to aid the missionary forces in obtaining fuller knowledge of the facts and to enable them to share in the development of common policies with reference to (*a*) political questions, (*b*) the registration of private schools, and (*c*) the relation of missions and missionaries to the Chinese churches. The discussion of some of these questions was postponed to a later session. (See Minutes 36*n*, 46 and 48.)

(*j*) Slavery and Forced Labour. This question had been brought to the notice of the International Missionary Council by several mission boards with particular reference to certain territories in Africa, and considerable time had been devoted to it and also to the Draft Convention on Slavery prepared by the League of Nations. (See Minute 36*l*.)

The session was closed with prayer.

Sixth Session, Monday, July 19th, 8–9.30 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

11. **The Work of the Officers** (*continued*). Questions were asked and discussions took place on Dr Warnshuis' statement.

The session was closed with prayer led by Professor Braga, Mr Lundahl and Mr Paton.

Seventh Session, Tuesday, July 20th, 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

The session began with a devotional period, led by Mr Max Yergan.

12. **Call to Dr Mott.** Dr Mott read his reply to the call of the International Missionary Council (Minute 32 of the Committee at Atlantic City, 1925) as follows :

'The call extended to me by the Committee of the International Missionary Council at its meeting at Atlantic City in January 1925 to devote my full time to the work of the Council as its Chairman has received my thorough, conscientious and prayerful consideration. My wife, who has been identified with me in all of the more momentous decisions affecting

my life and work, has been most intimately associated with me throughout all of this prolonged consideration. I appreciate deeply the patience and generous willingness of the Committee in granting me such an extended period in which to deal conclusively with such a very complex problem involving, as it does, not only personal aspects, but also the interests of different Christian agencies—agencies to which I have been related for many years.

'My problem has finally reduced itself to this form. Can I discharge thoroughly the enlarged and weighty responsibilities which the Committee wish me to assume as Chairman, and, at the same time, conserve the values of my past? Am I not right in thinking that one owes a duty to one's past as well as to the present and future? The teaching of Christ in the parable of the Talents would seem to imply clearly that one should conserve and utilize fully the values of one's past, and, so far as practicable, carry them into the coming opportunities. In my case what are some of the principal values which from every point of view should be thus conserved?

'(1) The contacts, acquaintances and confidence established and built up through nearly forty years of work with students and professors in all lands. This has been accomplished largely through my relation to the World's Student Christian Federation.

'(2) The access, experience and influence acquired along the pathway of over thirty years' work with leading laymen all over the world. I refer to men prominent in governments; in industry, commerce and finance; and in the various professions. This has resulted largely from my relation to the Young Men's Christian Association.

'After mature thought, and much consultation with wise advisors in different countries, I have come to the conclusion that it is important that I continue to sustain a vital relation to both of these movements. If such a relationship commends itself to the judgment of the Committee and if they are willing to leave to me the making of any necessary adjustments as to the distribution of my time I shall be glad as Chairman to undertake and discharge the responsibilities which the Committee have in view, and can throw myself into its programme with full heart and conviction.'

Dr Mott then outlined the following lines of policy for the work of the International Missionary Council in connexion with which he thought that he might make his most helpful contribution. These lines of work would be in addition to the ordinary duties of the chairmanship, including the thinking in terms of the entire world field and the whole programme of the Council.

(*a*) To collaborate with the members of the International Missionary Council and others on the supremely vital matter of augmenting the spiritual forces of the world-wide missionary movement.

(*b*) To help to evolve and launch far more adequate plans for enlisting more of the choicest young men and young women of the new generation, particularly among students, for the future leadership of the world mission.

(*c*) To devise ways, in consultation with discerning and influential national and international groups, which will result in liberating a far larger lay force for the missionary enterprise.

(*d*) To assist in securing a fresh consideration and presentation of the distinctive Christian message through enlisting the collaboration of groups of the best prepared minds in different parts of the Occident and of the Orient.

(*e*) To join in work on the problem of race relationships, which in recent years has assumed such an extremely critical aspect in many parts of the world—in particular through fostering efforts to carry to a more advanced and fruitful stage the work of the Inter-racial Commission in the Southern States of America and the Commission on the Pacific Coast of the United States and Canada dealing with relations between Orientals and Occidentals.

(*f*) To discover and enlist for other specific tasks of international significance persons, groups and institutions pre-eminently qualified or situated to make invaluable contributions towards the meeting of major mission problems.

(*g*) To assist in certain forward movements of national or international character as desired by the leaders of the missionary forces; for example, the conferences of workers among the Jews, reporting to the Dutch missionary societies on the visit to Netherlands India and responding to the invitation of missionary leaders in Canada.

(*h*) To effect closer collaboration between the International Missionary Council and the various national Christian councils both at the home base and on the mission field, to the end that the International Missionary Council may render prompter, larger and more intelligent service to these national bodies and to the churches, boards and missions which they represent.

(*i*) To further the development within our International Missionary Council of an enriching and truly creative international and inter-racial Christian fellowship.

A discussion followed, in which the under-named took part: The Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Hawkins, Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Forgan, Dr Franklin, Mr Lundahl, Mr Cash, Dr Schlunk, Mr Maclennan, Mr Oldham, Dr Axling, Dr Braga, Dr Patton, Mr Paton, Mr Yergan and Mr Brockman.

In this discussion the members of the Committee indicated their sympathy with Dr Mott's belief that the values of his past work in

relation to the World's Student Christian Federation and the Young Men's Christian Association should be conserved, and expressed the conviction that his retaining a vital relation to these organizations would be helpful to his service with the Council and contribute in many fruitful ways to the advancement of the cause of Christ throughout the world which the Council has at heart. The Committee unanimously approved the arrangement suggested by him in his statement and expressed its satisfaction at his decision.

The session was closed with prayer.

Eighth Session, Tuesday, July 20th, 4–6 p.m.

The session was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

13. **Programme of Work to be undertaken by the International Missionary Council.** In the light of the statements made by the officers in the preceding sessions a general discussion was held on the lines of action which it was considered would be advisable for the Council to undertake during the next few years. The following members took part: Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Chamberlain, Mr Lundahl, Miss Lyon, Mr Oldham, the Bishop of Salisbury, Dr Patton, Mr Maclennan, Dr Franklin, Dr Axling, Dr Forgan, Mr Paton, Dr Warnshuis, Mr Brockman, Dr Braga, Mr Yergan, Mr Cash, and Dr Schlunk.

The session was closed with prayer.

Ninth Session, Tuesday, July 20th, 8–9.30 p.m.

The session opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

14. **Programme of Work.** Continuing the discussion of the afternoon session, the Chairman, on behalf of the officers, laid before the Committee a list of projects, summarizing the proposals that had been made up to this point, which might receive the attention of the Council during the next two or three years.

After further discussion, in which all the members of the Committee took part, the matter was remitted for renewed consideration at a later session.

The Finance Committee was asked in the light of the proposed programme to bring forward proposals regarding staff and budget. (See Minutes 20, 24 and 36.)

15. **Preparation of Missionaries.** A proposal was put forward by Mr Lundahl for the establishment of an international institute for

the training of missionary leaders from both East and West. This subject was referred to the officers for further consideration.

The session was closed with prayer led by Mr Hawkins.

Tenth Session, Wednesday, July 21st, 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

The session began with a devotional period led by the Bishop of Salisbury.

16. **Spiritual Emphasis.** The Bishop of Salisbury described the action taken by the Church of England during the last eighteen months to arouse its members to a perception of the world's need and the urgency for deeper spiritual life, individual and corporate. In the subsequent discussion the members of the Committee showed great interest in the extension of prayer groups which is taking place in the churches in all parts of England, and they expressed the hope that this movement might spread to other countries and become effective in strengthening the spiritual vitality of the missionary work of the churches throughout the world.

17. **Next Meeting of the International Missionary Council.** Dr Mott read Minutes 29 and 30 of the meeting of the Committee at Atlantic City, 1925, with regard to the proposed enlarged meeting of the Council in 1927. Mr Oldham reported on the views of the national missionary organizations in America, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Norway and Sweden. Dr Mott read the findings of the conferences held around the Pacific Basin during his recent tour ; namely, in Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines, Malaya, Netherlands India, Australia and New Zealand.

Eleventh Session, Wednesday, July 21st, 4–6 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

18. **Purpose and Composition of the Next Council Meeting.** The Chairman made a statement regarding the purpose of the next meeting of the Council. A general discussion followed, in which the following took part : Mr Paton, Mr Turner, Dr Patton, Dr Axling, Dr Franklin, the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Oldham, Dr Forgan and Mr Maclennan. It was agreed that the purpose of the meeting should be deliberative and that it should have the same character as the ordinary meetings of the Council. Further, it was agreed that such a meeting should be held as soon as the necessary preparations for it can be completed.

The Committee then proceeded to discuss the membership of the

proposed Council meeting. This discussion was participated in by Mr Brockman, Dr Patton, Miss Lyon, Dr Warnshuis, Mr Leung, Mr Yergan, Dr Braga and Dr Forgan. It was agreed that the membership of the Council should be enlarged so that the churches in the lands to which the western churches send missionaries may be more adequately represented. The number and distribution of these added members was reserved for later consideration, but it was agreed that two-thirds of those chosen to represent these churches and one-third of those invited because of their special knowledge of the subjects in the programme of the meeting should be nationals of the countries to which missionaries are sent. (See Minute 38.)

Twelfth Session, Wednesday, July 21st, 8–9.30 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

19. **Place, Date and Subjects of the Next Council Meeting.** The Committee proceeded to the discussion of the place, date, preparatory work and subjects of the meeting.

In the discussion regarding the place of meeting, Dr Patton, Dr Franklin, Dr Forgan, Mr Oldham, Mr Leung, Mr Cash, Mr Yergan, Mr Lundahl, Mr Maclennan, Dr Axling, Baron van Boetzelaer, Mr Paton and Mr Turner took part. It was agreed that the meeting should be held in Jerusalem.

The question of the date was discussed by Mr Cash, Baron van Boetzelaer, Mr Oldham, Dr Schlunk, Miss Gollock, Mr Brockman, Miss Lyon, Mr Turner, Mr Hawkins and Dr Franklin. It was agreed that the dates should be March 19th to April 1st, 1928, inclusive.

The Committee then by a formal vote agreed to call the next meeting of the International Missionary Council to meet in Jerusalem from March 19th to April 1st, 1928, inclusive, and, subject to the approval of the national organizations participating in the Council, to enlarge the Council membership for this meeting by a number of representatives from the lands to which the western churches send missionaries approximately equal to the number of members from the so-called sending countries. (See Minute 38.)

The subjects to be included in the programme of the meeting were discussed by Mr Hawkins, Mr Cash, Mr Oldham, the Bishop of Salisbury, Dr Franklin, Dr Forgan, Dr Patton, Mr Brockman, Dr Axling, Mr Turner, Mr Maclennan, Mr Lundahl, Dr Braga and Baron van Boetzelaer. It was agreed that the programme of the Council's work (Minute 36) would be the most effective preparation

for the meeting, and that the plans for the meeting itself should be based upon those undertakings.

Thursday, July 22nd.

No full meetings of the Committee were held on Thursday. Sub-committees met in the evening. During the day the members of the Committee visited some of the neighbouring communities, and short addresses were given by Dr Mott, the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Leung and Mr Yergan at the summer school of the Free Churches of Sweden which was in session at Leksand.

Thirteenth Session, Friday, July 23rd, 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

The session began with a devotional period led by Mr. Brockman.

20. **Future Work and Staff of the Council.** Plans for the future work of the Council and the assignment of definite responsibilities to the Council's officers were discussed by Dr Mott, Mr Oldham, Dr Forgan, Dr Chamberlain, Mr Lundahl, Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Patton, Miss Lyon, the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Cash, Mr Turner, Dr Franklin and Mr Maclennan. The matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Mr Hawkins, Dr Franklin, Mr Brockman, the Bishop of Salisbury and Dr Schlunk, with the Chairman *ex officio*, to review the whole range of proposals before the Committee, to consult with the Finance Committee and report at a later session. (See Minutes 13, 14, 24 and 36.)

21. **Telegram to Archbishop Söderblom.** It was agreed to send the following telegram to the Archbishop of Sweden, Mr Lundahl being asked to translate it into Swedish :

'The Members of the Committee of the International Missionary Council in session in this place wish to convey to Your Grace their most hearty greetings and to express their profound appreciation of your great Services toward the furtherance of world-wide Missions and toward the drawing together of all true followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

22. **Training Schools in the Mission Field.** With reference to the enquiries on this subject (Minute 10*d*) the Committee adopted the following minute :

In accordance with the action of the Oxford meeting of the Council (see Oxford Minute 38), the report on this subject, prepared by the American conference, together with a list of questions, had been sent to practically all the countries to which missionaries are being sent

by the churches of Europe and America. A limited number of replies had been received, and with the assistance of Dr Frank K. Sanders a summary of these replies had been prepared and was presented to the Committee. It was noted with regret that no replies had been received from various important areas and also that the pressure of other important tasks awaiting the attention of the Council and its officers made it impossible to pursue the enquiry further at this time. It was therefore agreed to receive the report as now presented and to instruct the officers to send copies of it for information to the national missionary organizations and to the correspondents who had sent replies to the enquiries made by the Council on this subject. The Committee would urge that the national organizations call the attention of the missionary boards to the progress that is being made in India in the development of more adequate plans for the institutions that are needed in the major language areas of that country.

23. **The Place of Women in the Church on the Mission Field.** With reference to the enquiry regarding this question (Minute 10*b*) the following resolution was adopted :

The Committee has received the report on the Place of Women in the Church on the Mission Field, together with the reports from the groups in the different sending countries.

The Committee considers that these reports ought to be made available on the mission field and at the home base to officers, members of boards and committees and others, and instructs its officers to print and circulate them with any modifications that may be desirable, provided the demand for them justifies this and that the cost is covered by orders.

Fourteenth Session, Friday, July 23rd, 4–6 p.m.

The session opened with the singing of a hymn, followed by prayer.

24. **The Staff of the Council.** Mr Hawkins presented the report of the sub-committee on the staff of the Council (Minute 20). A discussion ensued and the following resolutions were adopted :

(*a*) Having heard from Mr Oldham the different pressing and important claims upon his time, the Committee, in view of the growing demand for his services for research and other creative work related to the programme of the Council, believes that he should be relieved of his present executive duties and responsibilities in order that he may devote himself to such special lines of work. It is under-

stood that he would still be available to represent the Council in relation to Governments when required and likewise to other bodies, and that he would take his share in the joint planning, with the other officers, of the work of the Council.

(*b*) In view of the foregoing and of the programme before the Council, the Committee is of opinion that in the future the International Missionary Council requires the services of an additional secretary, subject to the necessary financial arrangements hereinafter referred to being made.

(*c*) Subject to such financial provision being available, the Committee extends a hearty invitation to the Rev. William Paton, M.A., to accept a call to the service of the International Missionary Council as a secretary.

(*d*) In view of the straitened circumstances of a number of the mission boards, the Committee deems it inexpedient to propose an increase in their present financial allocations for the work of the Council, and therefore recommends that, pending the consideration of the whole situation by the Council at its next meeting at Jerusalem, an effort be made to secure special subscriptions sufficient to provide a salary of £700 for the additional secretary, plus the sum of £800 to cover the extra expenses for travel, office help, etc., or a total of £1500 per annum.

(*e*) Mr Oldham having informed the Committee that a tentative approach had been made to him with regard to the possibility of his being available for a particular form of service which might claim practically his whole time for several years, the Committee, having fully considered the matter in the light of the whole programme of the work of the Council, agrees that, in the event of a definite proposal being made to Mr Oldham in such a form that after consultation with his friends he felt it to be a call from God, he should, while remaining a secretary of the Council in an honorary capacity, be set free to devote himself for a period of years to this special service.

(*f*) The Committee further appoints Dr Mott, the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Hawkins, Dr Franklin and Dr Schlunk a committee to deal with the whole situation.

(*g*) In addition to the above provision the Committee authorizes Dr Mott to secure the necessary assistance in connexion with the organization and arrangements for the Jerusalem meeting of the Council, and that the expense involved be met from the special budget of that meeting.

25. **Memorial Minute.** Dr Chamberlain read the following minute, which the Committee accepted standing; after which the Chairman offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the service rendered by those named.

The Committee of the International Missionary Council makes reverent and grateful record of the distinguished services to the missionary enterprise in all the world and to itself in counsel of those who, since the last meeting of the Council, have been called to higher service and to their heavenly reward. Each in his own sphere has made important contributions in forwarding the high purpose for which this Council was established, and which, by their aid, it has in some measure been enabled to achieve.

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The Rev. M. Lindenborn, Director of the Six Co-operating Missionary Societies at Oegstgeest, Netherlands.

The Rev. Friedrich Würz, D.Theol., Inspector, Basel Missionary Society; Editor, *Evangelisches Missions Magazin.*

The Very Rev. J. N. Ogilvie, D.D., Member Edinburgh Continuation Committee; Convener, Foreign Missions Committee, Church of Scotland; President, World Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

26. **International Review of Missions.** The report of the sub-committee was read by its chairman, Mr Paton, and accepted as follows:

(*a*) Aim and Scope of the *Review.* The Editorial Staff brought forward points on which change or development seemed desirable, and American members reported comments made at the April meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel to the effect that the international character of the *Review* should be more clearly manifest. Careful attention was given to these suggestions, and recognition was made of the value of such expression of opinion. Proposals were brought forward in regard to several points, and action agreed on. Having carefully considered the aims and scope of the *Review* in the light of the special service it is designed to render, the Committee unanimously desires to record its appreciation of the *Review* and its sense of its great possibilities as an agency for educating public

opinion and guiding missionary policy. While concurring in proposals for strengthening and deepening the message of the *Review*, the Committee is of the opinion that generally speaking the lines on which the *Review* has been conducted in the past are those which should be characteristic of it in the future.

(*b*) Editorial Work on the *Review*. In view of the importance not only of maintaining the present standard of editorial work on the *Review*, but also of raising it, and having heard from Mr Oldham the nature and extent of editorial service which he was likely to be able to render, the Committee desires to record its opinion that this, in addition to the full-time service of Miss Underhill, will not, in the early stages of her work, suffice for the needs of the *Review*. In view of the situation which will exist at the end of January 1927 the Committee agrees that any person appointed as colleague or successor to Mr Oldham shall possess editorial qualifications.

(*c*) Staff. The Committee appoints the staff of the *Review* as follows: Editor, Mr J. H. Oldham; Associate Editor, Miss M. M. Underhill.

It was agreed that in order to enlarge the editorial outlook and explore wider circles of authorship an advisory editorial committee of five members should be appointed by the editors in consultation with the officers of the Council.

(*d*) Title and Format. While recognizing that the time is approaching when the title, and possibly the format, of the *Review* will need to be reconsidered, the Committee agrees that no change be adopted before the Jerusalem meeting.

(*e*) Contents. The Committee suggests that while other subjects should not be omitted, the contents of the *Review* should in general follow the programme adopted by the Council.

27. **Miss Gollock's Retirement.** The Committee of the International Missionary Council, in view of the retirement of Miss G. A. Gollock in February 1927 from the joint editorship of the *International Review of Missions*, desires to place on record its high appreciation of the ability and devotion with which she has discharged the duties of that office as also of the fine service she has rendered in other ways to the cause of missionary co-operation. Miss Gollock has shared in the editorial work of the *Review* since its first issue in January 1912, being successively assistant, associate and since 1922 joint editor. The Committee is assured that the whole membership of the Council and the steadily increasing constituency of readers of

the *Review* will receive with great regret the intimation of Miss Gollock's resignation and will cordially join in expressing their best wishes for her future happiness and for her continued usefulness in the cause of missions with which for many years she has been so closely and so helpfully identified.

The Bishop of Salisbury was compelled to leave the Committee during the course of this session.

Fifteenth Session, Friday, July 23rd, 8–9.30 p.m.

28. **Report of Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee appointed at a previous session presented the following recommendations, which were adopted :

(*a*) That the accounts of the International Missionary Council for the year ending December 31st, 1925, and of the *International Review of Missions* for the year ending September 30th, 1925, which have been duly audited, be received and approved. These accounts are printed in full on pages 33–36.

(*b*) That the cordial thanks of the Committee be expressed to Messrs Mann, Judd, Gordon & Co., C.A., for auditing the accounts.

(*c*) That the Chairman write letters of thanks to those who have made special financial contributions in support of the Council's work during the past year.

(*d*) That a retiring allowance of £100 a year be given to Miss Gollock, beginning on February 1st, 1927, and continuing during the pleasure of the Council.

(*e*) That statements of the accounts more detailed than those printed shall be made available for the information of the national missionary organizations, if desired, so as to show the amount of the expenditure in London and in New York and also, in a footnote, to show the amounts promised by any national missionary organization that may not have been paid in full by the end of the financial year.

(*f*) That a sum of £200, to be taken out of current balances in hand, be given for the expenses in connexion with the arrangements for the Conferences on the Presentation of the Christian Message to the Jews.

(*g*) That for the special budget on account of the organization expenses of the next meeting of the Council to be held in Jerusalem the sum of £750 be set aside out of the current balances of the funds of the Council, and that, if funds are available, a further sum of £750 be set aside for the same purpose at the end of 1927.

(*h*) That the accounts of the Council be placed in New York in direct charge of Mr James M. Speers, Honorary Treasurer, and that, subject to the approval of Mr Speers, Dr Herbert Lankester be appointed Honorary Deputy Treasurer to the International Missionary Council and to the *International Review of Missions* in London.

(*i*) That any one of the following be authorized to sign cheques drawn on account of the *International Review of Missions*, namely, Sir Robert Williams, Mr F. H. Hawkins, Mr Stanley Sowton, Dr H. Lankester, Mr H. G. Judd, Mr J. H. Oldham and Miss M. M. Underhill.

(*j*) That any two of the following be authorized to sign cheques drawn on account of the International Missionary Council: Rev. W. W. Cash, Mr F. H. Hawkins, Mr Kenneth Maclennan, Dr Herbert Lankester, Dr W. I. Chamberlain, Mr James M. Speers, Mr J. H. Oldham and Dr A. L. Warnshuis.

(*k*) That the budget for the International Missionary Council for the years 1927 and 1928 be as follows:

I. Administration Expenses:	
1. Salaries:	
(*a*) Secretaries and Assistants	£2020
(*b*) Stenographers	700
(*c*) Share of Business Office	155
2. Rent, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting and Heating	815
3. Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc.	350
II. Travelling Expenses:	
(*a*) Secretaries' Travel	500
(*b*) Committee Meeting	150
III. Expenses of Chairman's Office in New York	300
IV. Printing:	
Minutes and Sundries	60
Quarterly Notes	50
V. *International Review of Missions* (Subsidy)	350
VI. Contingencies	150
Total	£5600

With reference to the above budget, the Committee agreed that power should be given to the Chairman and Treasurer to redistribute the sums specified in the budget if necessary, provided the total amount of the budget be not increased.

29. **Banking Arrangements.** The Committee of the International Missionary Council hereby authorize the officers of the Council: John R. Mott, LL.D., Chairman; Joseph H. Oldham, A. Livingston Warnshuis, Secretaries, and James M. Speers, Treasurer, to make arrangements with the Council's Bankers for an overdraft on the Council's Bank account, not exceeding $5000 at any one time, and to grant to the Bankers on behalf of the Committee such undertaking as the Bankers may require.

30. **Retiring Allowances.** The Committee resolved to request the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland through their Finance Committee, in consultation with the other

national organizations, to make enquiry into the feasibility of preparing a scheme and framing suitable regulations for retiring allowances for the officers and staff in the service of the Council, and to report thereon to the meeting of the Council at Jerusalem.

31. **Representation at Helsingfors.** A letter was submitted from the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations, inviting the International Missionary Council to send a representative to the 19th World's Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations meeting at Helsingfors, August 1–6, 1926. It was agreed that Dr Warnshuis should represent the Council at that conference.

32. **Conferences on the Presentation of the Christian Message to the Jews.** Brief statements were made by the Chairman and Mr Maclennan regarding the arrangements for the Conferences on the Presentation of the Christian Message to the Jews (see Oxford Minute 52), and the following resolution was adopted :

The Committee of the Council learns with satisfaction that in accordance with the suggestion made by the Council at its Oxford meeting, arrangements have been initiated by the Committee on Work among Jews of the Conference of British Missionary Societies in consultation with other societies in Europe and America, for holding, at Budapest and Warsaw respectively before and after Easter 1927, two conferences on the presentation of the Christian Message to the Jews ; these conferences to be under the auspices of the International Missionary Council. The Committee is glad to learn that Dr Mott, Chairman of the Council, will be able to preside at these conferences, and that the Rev. J. Macdonald Webster, D.D., with the consent of the Jewish Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland, has undertaken the work of organizing them. The Committee expresses its thanks to Dr Webster and his Committee. It also expresses the hope that these gatherings may prove fruitful in advancing Christian work among Jews.

33. **International Publicity Service.** A discussion took place as to the possibilities of establishing an international publicity service. Those who took part in this discussion were Dr Patton, Mr Maclennan, Dr Schlunk, Mr Yergan, Dr Braga, Dr Warnshuis, Dr Franklin, Mr Fahs and Dr Chamberlain. The matter was referred to the officers for further consideration.

34. **Committee to deal with Emergencies.** It was agreed that in view of the shortness of time before the Jerusalem meeting and because of the expense of travel, it would probably be inadvisable

to call another meeting of the full Committee before the next meeting of the Council; and the following committee was appointed to deal with emergencies, if any such should arise in the interval: Dr Mott (Chairman), Baron van Boetzelaer, Mr Cash, Mr Hawkins, Dr Chamberlain and Dr Schlunk. If at such a meeting any member shall be unable to attend, the Chairman shall have the power to fill the vacancy permanently.

Sixteenth Session, Saturday, July 24th, 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

The session opened with a devotional period led by Dr Schlunk.

35. **Call to Mr Paton.** Mr Paton stated his attitude to the call which had been extended to him to become a secretary of the International Missionary Council. On condition that a successor could be found for his work in India, that the financial position of the National Christian Council in India could be put on a sounder footing, and with the hope that opportunity would be afforded him to visit India at not too infrequent intervals, Mr Paton signified that he would accept the invitation.

36. **The Work of the Council with Allocation of Responsibility among the Officers.** As a summary of the discussion of these subjects in previous sessions (Minutes 14, 20, 24), the following minute was adopted:

Having reviewed the tasks and problems confronting the churches and missions, the Committee is of opinion that the International Missionary Council in the next two or three years can best co-operate in the following directions:

(*a*) *Spiritual Vitality.* Realizing the inadequacy of present efforts to meet the needs of the world, the members of the Committee are deeply convinced that only as new tides of spiritual life begin to flow within the Church can the waiting tasks be fulfilled. They have been greatly encouraged by the account given by the Bishop of Salisbury of the movement of prayer within the Church of England. Believing that the undertakings in which they desire to co-operate can be accomplished only as they are begun and continued in prayer, they resolve to enter afresh into an experience of sustaining and victorious prayer, to dedicate themselves anew to a life of which communion with God is the inspiring principle, and to co-operate in every way possible in extending the fellowship of prayer.

(*b*) *Presentation of the Christian Message in Relation to non-Christian Faiths.* The Committee is of opinion that it is desirable to initiate a world-wide enquiry into the relation of the Christian mes-

sage to non-Christian systems of thought and life. The paper by Professor Frick, to be published in the October number of the *International Review of Missions*, is suggestive of some of the lines that might be followed in such an enquiry. The Committee requests Mr Oldham to explore the possibilities of such an enquiry and the lines which it should follow, and, if it should appear feasible, requests the Chairman and Mr Oldham, after consultation with the national missionary organizations concerned, to invite groups and individuals in the different countries to participate in the enquiry. The Committee further authorizes them, if the necessary funds can be obtained, to enlist the services of one or more persons to assist in the task of co-ordinating the material received from different sources and of presenting a general statement prepared in the light of the different contributions to the common study.

(*c*) *Enlisting the New Generation.* The Committee cordially invites the help of the Chairman in the task of evolving and launching more adequate plans for enlisting the interest, sympathy and service of the new generation in the discharge of the missionary obligations of the Church. The Committee welcomes in this connexion his continued association with the World's Student Christian Federation.

(*d*) *Enlisting the Interest and Service of Laymen.* The Committee cordially invites the help of the Chairman in the task of devising ways by which the interest, experience, gifts and services of laymen may, to a far larger extent than at present, be enlisted in the fulfilment of the missionary responsibilities of the Church and in the Christianizing of the impact of western civilization on other peoples. The Committee recognizes the value in this connexion of his maintaining a relation with the Young Men's Christian Association.

(*e*) *Christian Education.* The Committee is deeply sensible of the far-reaching changes taking place in the mission field affecting the position and work of Christian schools and colleges, and of the necessity for a fresh consideration of the aims and distinctive contribution of Christian institutions in national systems of education ; and in particular of the problems of Christian instruction, of training in habits of devotion and worship and of the expression of Christian faith in conduct, all in the light of a deeper understanding of the nature of Christian experience, of modern psychology and of recent advances in educational theory and practice (see Minute 43). The Committee favours the officers co-operating in these tasks in the following ways :

(1) The Committee approves of Mr Oldham's continuing to serve

as a member of the Advisory Committee on Native Education in Tropical Africa at the Colonial Office in London.

(2) The Committee has learned with interest of the possibility of the formation in Great Britain of an Advisory Council on Christian Education Overseas for the purpose of bringing about a closer association between educators in Great Britain and missionary educators abroad, and in the event of such a council being formed approves of Mr Oldham giving to it such help in a consultative capacity as he is able.

(3) The Committee requests the Chairman and Dr Warnshuis to consider in consultation with the national organizations in North America whether any further steps can be taken with advantage to enlist the help of North American educators in the study and furtherance of Christian education abroad and approves of their co-operating in any such efforts.

(4) The Committee requests Mr Oldham and Dr Warnshuis to continue to co-operate in furthering the enquiry in regard to religious education already initiated. (See Minute 43.)

(5) The Committee requests the Chairman to do what he can to help to discover and enlist for specific educational tasks of international significance the aid of persons, groups and institutions that can make a distinctive contribution.

(*f*) *Christian Literature.* The Committee requests Dr Warnshuis to give continued attention to the problems of the development of Christian literature with a view to rendering such service in co-operation with the national Literature Committees as may be desired and may be possible. The Committee also approves of Mr Oldham serving as a member of the Executive Council of the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures.

(*g*) *Indigenous Churches.* The Committee desires that continued attention shall be given to the study of the development of the indigenous churches in the lands to which the western churches send missionaries, and of the relationships of those churches. The Committee requests Dr Warnshuis to do whatever may be possible to promote such studies. (See Minutes 10*e* and 48.)

(*h*) *Larger Efforts on Behalf of Moslems.* The Committee requests the Chairman to continue to give attention and help to the furtherance of work on behalf of Moslems.

(*i*) *Conferences on the Presentation of the Christian Message to the Jews.* The Committee requests the Chairman to continue to give attention and assistance to these conferences. (Minute 32.)

(*j*) *Racial Questions.* The Committee is of opinion that efforts to remove misunderstanding and antagonism between races are indispensable to the progress of the Christian cause in the world, and that one of the most effective forms which such efforts can take is concentration at a few selected points on well-considered and strongly supported experiments designed to make possible a deeper understanding of the forces underlying racial contacts. The Committee requests Mr Oldham to give continued attention to any such experiments that may be contemplated in Africa, and the Chairman to explore and further what is being done, or might be done, in connexion with the inter-racial movement in the United States and with the special enquiry being made on the Pacific Coast of North America and other efforts relating to the Pacific Basin.

(*k*) *Problems due to the Development of Modern Industry in the East.* The Committee received communications from the World's Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association and the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, urging the importance of the problems involved in the development of modern industry in countries where the Christian Church is comparatively young. The Committee is of opinion that the potential evils involved are so great as to imperil the social and moral life of these nations and that this question demands the most earnest consideration of the Christian forces. The subject should therefore be included in the programme of the next meeting of the Council, when there will be present a large representation of the indigenous churches ; and the officers are requested to devote special attention to it in preparation for that meeting. The Committee further considers that, in view of the immense range of the subject it is essential that the activities of the Council connected with it should be limited and thorough, directed to the enlistment of expert Christian social workers in the different countries, to the encouragement of experiment in study and action in chosen industrial centres, and to the maintenance of fellowship between the churches of the East and of the West in the facing of this issue.

(*l*) *Forced Labour.* The Committee requests Dr Warnshuis to continue to give his attention to this subject. (Minute 10*j*.)

(*m*) *Opium Traffic.* The Committee requests Dr Warnshuis to continue to give his attention to this subject. (Minute 10*h*.)

(*n*) *The Chinese Situation.* The Committee requests Dr Warnshuis to continue to keep in as close touch as possible with the situa-

tion in China and the Far East, with reference to the problems arising in missionary work. (Minute 10*i*.)

Seventeenth Session, Saturday, July 24th, 2.30–3.30 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

37. Work of Mr Paton. The Committee resolved that in case Mr Paton finds it possible to accept the invitation of the Council, his duties shall be :

(*a*) The executive duties and responsibilities hitherto borne by Mr Oldham for the International Missionary Council.

(*b*) The editorship of the *International Review of Missions*.

(*c*) Other important projects, for which the other officers of the Council are now responsible, but which, owing to the large programme of the Council, will be distributed in the re-allocation to take place when Mr Paton enters upon office.

38. Membership of the Next Meeting of the Council. After further discussion (see Minutes 18, 19) the following resolution was approved :

The Committee recommends that the co-operating national organizations approve of the following arrangements for the next meeting of the Council, to be held March 19 to April 1, 1928 :

(1) That, whereas under Article II. of the constitution of the Council, the national organizations in the sending countries are entitled to appoint members of the Council as follows :

Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada)	20
Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland	14
United Missionary Council of Australia	2
Missionary Societies of New Zealand	1
Missionary Societies of South Africa	2
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsbund	6
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris	4
Commissie van Advies (The Netherlands)	2
Svenska Missionsradet	2
Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland	2
Norsk Missionsraad	2
Dansk Missionsraad	2
National Missionary Council of Finland	1
Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo	1
Total	61

the under-named national organizations, the representation of which is disproportionately small in relation to the extent of their

missionary operations, be asked to appoint for the next meeting *additional* representatives as follows :

North America	15
Great Britain	6
Australia	1
New Zealand	1
Sweden	1
Total	24

(2) That, in consideration of the importance and necessity of adequate representation at the meeting of the point of view of the Churches in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands, the National Christian Councils in India, China and Japan be asked to appoint additional members, and in place of the ten co-opted members provided for in the constitution the officers of the International Missionary Council be given power to invite representatives from other countries, after consultation with representative missionary bodies, where these exist, or with individual churches and missions in the countries concerned, so that the number of representatives from the different countries shall be as follows, at least two-thirds of the representatives in each case being nationals of the country or area represented :

India, Burma and Ceylon	20
China	20
Japan	8
Korea	5
Philippines	3
Malaya, Siam and Indo-China	3
Netherlands Indies	3
South Pacific Islands	1
Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Persia, Iraq, Arabia and the Balkans	7
North Africa, Egypt and Abyssinia	4
Tropical Africa	8
South Africa	2
Madagascar	2
Latin America	5
Total	91

(3) That all the representatives appointed in accordance with the two foregoing recommendations shall have at the next meeting equal status and rights with the members appointed under Article II. of the constitution.

(4) That the officers be empowered to invite to the meeting, as consultative members, specialists and others whose experience and advice will be of help to the Council to the number of 24, and, if the places assigned in the first two recommendations to the different countries are not filled, additional consultative members up to the number of such vacancies, provided that the total number of members of the Council and of consultative members shall in no case exceed 200.

(5) That the Council at its next meeting thus constituted shall be requested to consider the present constitution of the International Missionary Council, and to submit to the national organizations any proposal for the revision of the constitution which may appear to be necessary.

(6) That it should be strongly urged upon those responsible for the appointment of the delegates that they should have in view the representation (*a*) of women, and (*b*) of those about or under the age of 35.

(7) That it be left to the officers to make adequate arrangements for the stewarding of the conference.

(8) That attendance at the meeting of the Council be limited to members of the Council.

(9) That it be made clear to members that arrangements in Jerusalem render it impossible to provide accommodation for wives and friends of those attending the meeting.

39. **Budget of the Jerusalem Meeting.** It was remitted to the Chairman and the Treasurer, in consultation with the Finance Committee, to draw up a budget to govern the expenditure on account of the Jerusalem meeting of the Council.

40. **Publicity of the Jerusalem Meeting.** As the proceedings at this meeting will be of a deliberative nature and therefore private, the Committee will make its own arrangements for publicity.

Eighteenth Session, Saturday, July 24th, 4–6 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

41. **International Institute of African Languages and Cultures.** Mr Oldham made a statement concerning the organization of this Institute. (See Atlantic City Minute 19.) After some discussion the following minute was adopted :

The Committee has learned with thankfulness of the establishment of the International Institute of African Languages and Cul-

tures, which will, it believes, be of far-reaching service to missionaries, in helping in the solution of linguistic problems, in the prevention of expensive mistakes in the choice of orthography, in the preparation of school text-books adapted to the needs and conditions of African life, in the promotion of a better understanding of the distinctive character and contribution of African peoples and in bringing about an increasingly sympathetic attitude on the part of governments towards African vernaculars and towards the valuable elements in the African heritage. The Committee agrees on behalf of the International Missionary Council to participate in the Governing Body and appoints as its representatives, for a period of four years, Dr Laman, the Rev. E. W. Smith, Mr Oldham and Dr Warnshuis. It refers the question of voluntary contributions toward the financial support of the Institute to the consideration of the International Conference on the Christian Mission in Africa, meeting at Le Zoute in September.

42. **Bureau Internationale pour la Défense des Indigènes.** A letter was read asking for the support of the Council for the Bureau Internationale pour la Défense des Indigènes in their request for financial help and for information from missionaries who have been witness of abuses and acts of injustice, in order that these may be reported to the authorities concerned. It was resolved that in the judgment of the Committee all such action can best be taken by the national and international missionary organizations, and that this resolution be transmitted in the usual way to the mission boards.

43. **Religious Education.** With reference to the enquiry regarding Religious Education in the Mission Field (see Oxford Minute 37), carefully prepared memoranda were presented to the Committee. The following statement was accepted as a report, summarizing the progress that has been made in the enquiry, and outlining some of the proposals for the continuance of it.

In India the co-operation of the National Christian Council had been obtained, and the subject will be considered at its next meeting.

The subject will receive due attention at the approaching International Conference on the Christian Mission in Africa next September. A special report is being prepared for that purpose.

With reference to the Far East, Moslem lands and Latin America, the officers had enlisted the co-operation of the American 'Joint Advisory Committee on Methods and Materials for Religious Education on the Foreign Field.' This Committee called attention to the

report on Religious Education presented to the Congress on Christian Work in South America held in Montevideo last year.

Concerning the Far East, the 'Joint Advisory Committee' had prepared a statement which it believed to be a substantially fair and accurate appraisal of the situation stated in an objective manner, together with a digest of the materials on which the statement is based. The Council's officers proposed to bring this statement to the attention of the Christian Councils and Educational Associations in the countries concerned, with the purpose of inviting comments and suggestions from them.

In connexion with this statement, reference was made also to a letter from the General Board of the China Christian Educational Association proposing that a commission or commissions be appointed to investigate the problems of religious education in China, and asking for the endorsement of such plans by the missionary organizations of Europe and America. In response to this request, the Committee agreed to express its sympathy with the objects of the Association in making this proposal, and its opinion that these plans should be developed under the direction of the Christian forces in China, and further, to authorize the officers of the Council to give such assistance as may be within their power in helping the Commission in China in obtaining such aid as it may desire from the churches in Europe and America.

Further, the Committee decided to record its conviction that the subject of this enquiry into religious education lies at the heart of the work of Christian missions and that full consideration of it, to be followed by subsequent action, is one of the most immediate responsibilities of the International Missionary Council. For this reason the Committee hereby directs that this subject be included in the programme of the next meeting of the Council, and instructs its officers to carry forward the enquiries that have been begun in various parts of the mission field, and to do all in their power to increase the interest of missionaries and Christian people everywhere in the consideration of the issues. In the further progress of the study, due regard should be given to the varying conditions in different lands and to the educational value of study and discussion by many groups of workers, each of whom should be free to work out their approach to the problem in their own way, while dealing with questions that are common to all or most of them. The enquiry should include both the religious training and instruction in the day schools, board-

ing schools and colleges, and also in the family and in the local church, or local Christian community however organized, in order that greater progress may be made in aiding the local centres of Christian influence to become more effective and fruitful through religious educational processes in the development of Christian character, the cultivation of true worship, and the enlistment of all Christians in sacrificial service. (See Minute 36*e*.)

44. **Membership of the Committee.** The question was raised of a definite ruling regarding the subsequent status of a member of the Committee who was unable to attend a meeting of the Committee. After some discussion the matter was referred to the next meeting of the Council.

45. **Publicity of this Meeting.** To assist the members in giving publicity to this meeting, the officers were requested to prepare a statement containing the principal decisions of the Committee, which might be used by the Committee members in preparing articles for publication in their home countries previous to the distribution of the official minutes.

It was also agreed that the Chairman should issue a letter announcing in brief to the national bodies the recommendations of this Committee. It was pointed out that in any reference made to the proposed meeting at Jerusalem care must be taken to make clear the fact that the resolutions of this Committee that affect the constitution of the Council are subject to confirmation by the various national bodies. It was announced that an article descriptive of this meeting of the Committee would appear in the October issue of the *International Review of Missions*, and the editors undertook to circulate proof copies of this article to members of the Committee.

46. **Registration of Schools in China.** The remainder of this session was given to a discussion of the situation in China (see Minute 10*i*), with special reference to the registration of schools. Members of the Committee representing boards having educational work in China reported the action taken by their respective boards. No action was taken by the Committee.

Nineteenth Session, Saturday, July 24th, 8–9.45 p.m.

The session was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

47. **Prayer Card.** It was resolved to print for the use of members of the Committee the topics for prayer used by the Jerusalem Chamber

Group to which reference had been made on Wednesday by the Bishop of Salisbury.

48. **The Indigenous Churches.** Resuming the consideration of the development of the indigenous churches (see Minutes 10*e* and *i*, and 36*g*), the Committee discussed the plans for the Jerusalem meeting of the Council, particularly with reference to the results desired from that meeting of leaders from the older and younger Churches, and the preparation necessary to realize these purposes. Special attention was drawn to the necessity for preparing the minds of all Church members both in the East and in the West for receiving the message of the meeting. It was agreed that the *International Review of Missions* should be used for this end by providing a series of articles on this subject. Those who took part in this discussion were: Dr Patton, Dr Forgan, Mr Cash, Dr Franklin, Mr Lundahl, Mr Leung, Dr Schlunk, Baron van Boetzelaer, Miss Lyon, Mr Yergan, Dr Axling, Mr Maclennan, Dr Braga, Mr Brockman, Mr Oldham, Mr Turner and Miss Gollock.

49. **Minutes.** The Committee appointed Dr Chamberlain, Mr Hawkins and the officers as a sub-committee to pass the minutes of this meeting.

The session was closed with prayer.

Twentieth Session, Sunday, July 25th, 4–5 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon the Committee united in a service of intercession led by Mr Cash.

Twenty-first Session, Sunday, July 25th, 8–9.30 p.m.

The session was opened with a devotional service led by the Chairman.

50. **Minute of Thanks.** The following minute was adopted:

The Committee feels that it cannot close its proceedings without placing on record its high sense of the great kindness and cordiality with which it has been received by the friends of the missionary cause and of international missionary co-operation in Sweden. With deep gratitude the Committee acknowledges the abounding hospitality provided for it by the Swedish Missionary Council, and the great generosity of the Swedish Missionary Society in placing at its disposal the Missionary Rest House at Rättvik. It expresses its warm appreciation of the œcumenical spirit of Christian fellowship which extended

to many members of the Committee on Sunday the privilege of addressing the congregations in different churches.

The members of the Committee will ever cherish sunny memories of the meetings at Rättvik, of the receptions given to them at Orsa and at Leksand, and of the happy fellowship they have enjoyed with many Christian friends during their visit to Sweden.

The members of the Committee desire, in particular, to make grateful acknowledgment of the unremitting care for their comfort and convenience shown by Mr and Mrs Lundahl and by Mrs Peterson, their gracious hostess at Vilohemmet, the Missionary Rest House. It is through their genial courtesy, so constant and yet so unobtrusive, that all the members of the Committee have been made to feel so much at home at Rättvik during a time when they have been called to discuss and decide upon many issues which they hope and pray may prove to be of the highest significance for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

51. **Adjournment**. After a closing address by the Chairman, the Committee adjourned.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending 31st December 1925

Income

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Funds as at 31st December 1924—		
General Funds	1809 3 3	
African Missions	56 1 1	1865 4 4
II. Contributions applicable to the Budget for the year ending 31st December 1924—		
North America		2183 15 0
III. Contributions to the Budget for the year ending 31st December 1925—		
North America	1903 6 1	
Great Britain	1279 13 6	
Swedish Missionary Council	138 0 0	
Norsk Missionsraad	80 0 0	
Commissie van Advies (The Netherlands)	55 0 0	
Dansk Missionsraad	50 0 0	
Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland	34 0 0	
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsbund	20 0 0	
National Missionary Council of Finland	13 0 0	
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris	11 0 0	3583 19 7
IV. Residue funds of World Missionary Conference, 1910		5 14 6
V. Donations received for disbursement by the Secretary	53 14 5	
Less transmitted to the National Christian Council of India	53 14 5	
VI. Africa Missions Fund—		
Donations received		31 6 0
VII. Interest on Deposit Account		47 5 6
VIII. Additional Sales of Papers printed for the Oxford Meeting		45 0 5
		£7762 5 4

Expenditure

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Administration Expenses—		
Salaries, Secretaries and Assistant Secretary	1964 3 10	
Research Work	375 0 0	
Stenographers	704 16 10	
Share of Expenses of Business Office	155 6 0	
Rent of Offices, Cleaning, Caretaking, Lighting and Heating	780 5 5	
Rent of New York Office, 1924	41 6 5	
Stationery, Postages, Telephone and Miscellaneous	335 9 5	4356 7 11
II. Travelling Expenses—		
Secretaries	408 4 0	
Members of Committee	228 13 4	636 17 4
III. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New York		300 0 0
IV. Council Bulletin—		
Expenses of Publication, *less* Sales		47 3 7
V. Printing Council Minutes, *less* Sales		56 16 6
VI. Grant in aid of the *International Review of Missions*		276 10 1
VII. African Missions Fund—		
Secretary's Outlays		2 9 0
VIII. Funds on hand as at 31st December 1925—		
General Funds	2001 2 10	
Africa Missions Fund	84 18 1	2086 0 11
		£7762 5 4

Appendix

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1925

Funds and Liabilities	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Balance of Funds as per Income and Expenditure Account—		
General Funds	2001 2 10	
Africa Missions Fund	84 18 1	
		2086 0 11
II. Sundry Creditors		52 17 11
		£2138 18 10

Assets	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Bank Balances—		
Deposit Account	750 0 0	
Current Account	173 13 9	
Cash at New York on Current and Deposit Accounts	434 11 8	
		1358 5 5
II. Sundry Debtors—		
International Review of Missions	137 15 6	
Foreign Missions Conference of North America—for Grant remitted after close of Accounts	300 0 0	
Funds advanced on account of Secretarial Travelling Expenses in South and East Africa	250 0 0	
Sundry Debtors	92 17 11	
		780 13 5
		£2138 18 10

LONDON, *3rd March* 1926.—We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers in London, and with the certified returns from New York, and certify them to be correct.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS

Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 30th September 1925

Income	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscription Sales received *less* paid in advance—		
London	1181 10 1	
New York	795 8 2	
Cash Sales	29 18 0	
		2006 16 3
Sales from Sundry Publications		26 12 7
Proceeds of Advertisements		181 19 5
Interest on Deposit Account		2 6 3
Loss for year carried to Balance Sheet		276 10 1
		£2494 4 7

Expenditure	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Advertising		30 12 4
Books and Magazines		8 13 2
Carriage and Postage on *Review*		218 2 8
Commission on Sales		207 19 1
Contributors' Fees		110 7 0
Miscellaneous		13 19 9
Miscellaneous Postages and Telephones		43 13 0
Printing of the *Review*		713 4 10
Printing *Intercession Paper*, *less* sales		24 10 0
Rent		100 0 0
Salaries—		
Business Office	193 18 6	
Editorial	560 6 5	754 4 11
Stationery		52 13 5
Commission on Sales to New York Office to meet sundry office expenditure		216 4 5
		£2494 4 7

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INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1925

Liabilities	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Sundry Creditors—		
International Missionary Council	204 9 3	
Sundries	118 19 11	
		323 9 2
II. Subscriptions received in Advance		163 15 0
III. Capital Account—		
Grant in aid from the International Missionary Council	276 10 1	
Less Loss for year ended 30th September 1925.	276 10 1	
		£487 4 2

Assets	£ s. d.
I. Sundry Debtors	313 2 2
II. Stock of Text and Cover Papers	73 0 0
III. Bank Balance—	
On Current Account with the Midland Bank Ltd.	101 2 0
	£487 4 2

LONDON, *1st December* 1925.—We have audited the Books and Accounts of the *International Review of Missions* for the year ended 30th September 1925 and have found them properly stated and sufficiently vouched.

The foregoing Accounts set forth correctly the transactions for the year and the position as at 30th September 1925.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

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International Missionary Council.
Minutes of the committee of the International Missionary Council : Rattvik, Sweden, July 17-25, 1926. -- London ; New York : International Missionary Council, [1926?]
36 p. ; 25 cm.
Cover title.
Includes index.

1. Missions--Congresses.
2. International Missionary Council--Congresses. I. Title

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